

Listing of Claims:

1 (currently amended). A slingshot body for use with an elastic member in slinging a projectile, comprising: a fork portion to which the elastic member is to be attached; a gripping portion to be grasped by a user of the slingshot body; and an off-set mounting apparatus pivotally connecting said fork portion and said gripping portion to one another for providing an off-set mounting for said fork portion relative to said gripping portion, said off-set mounting apparatus including a connecting member for connecting said fork portion and said gripping portion to one another by a predetermined distance sufficient to overcome friction forces created in the mounting apparatus when drawing the elastic member to a shooting position.

2 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: the connecting portion member of said mounting apparatus having a size sufficient to connect said fork portion and said gripping portion to one another with the predetermined distance being at least about 0.75 inches.

3 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: the connecting portion member of said mounting apparatus having a size sufficient to connect said fork portion and said gripping portion to one another with the predetermined distance being between about 0.75 inches and about 1.25 inches.

4 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: the connecting portion member of said mounting apparatus having a size sufficient to connect said fork portion and said gripping portion to one another with the predetermined distance being about 1.00 inch.

5 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: the connecting portion member of said mounting apparatus being elongated.

6 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 5, further comprising: the elongated connecting portion member of said mounting apparatus being disposed to extend substantially transverse to said fork portion.

7 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 6, further comprising: the elongated connecting portion member of said mounting apparatus having a length of at least about 0.75 inches.

8 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 6, further comprising: the elongated connecting portion member of said mounting apparatus having a length of between about 0.75 inches and about 1.25 inches.

9 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 6, further comprising: the elongated connecting portion member of said mounting apparatus having a length of about 1.00 inch.

10 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: the elongated connecting portion member of said mounting apparatus being disposed to pivot in a substantially transverse direction around a pivotal axis extending through said gripping portion.

11 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight to said fork portion.

12 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: a stop member to prevent pivotal movement of said

fork portion beyond a chosen angle relative to said gripping portion.

13 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member to said fork portion.

14 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 13, further comprising: a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight in close proximity to said pivotal connecting apparatus.

15 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: a stabilizing member for inhibiting undesired movement of said fork portion.

16 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 1, further comprising: pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member to said fork portion, said pivotal connecting apparatus including an elongated connecting member pivotally connected in close proximity to an outboard end of said fork portion, the elongated connecting member having a length sufficient to overcome friction forces created when drawing the elastic member to a shooting position.

17 (currently amended). A slingshot body for use with an elastic member in slinging a projectile, comprising: a fork portion to which the elastic member is to be attached; a gripping portion to be grasped by a user of the slingshot body; a stabilizing member for inhibiting undesired movement of said fork portion; and pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member to said fork portion, said pivotal connecting apparatus including an elongated connecting member pivotally connected in close proximity to an outboard end of said fork portion, the elongated connecting member having a length

sufficient to overcome friction forces created when drawing the elastic member to a shooting position.

18 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 17, further comprising: the elongated connecting member of said pivotal connecting apparatus having a length of at least about 1.00 inches.

19 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 17, further comprising: the elongated connecting member of said pivotal connecting apparatus having a length of between about 1.00 inches and about 2.00 inches.

20 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 17, further comprising: the elongated connecting member of said pivotal connecting apparatus having a length of about 1.50 inches.

21 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 17, further comprising: a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight in close proximity to said pivotal connecting apparatus.

22 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 17, further comprising: said pivotal connecting apparatus including first and second pivotal connectors disposed on said fork portion.

23 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 22, further comprising: a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight in close proximity to each of the first and second pivotal connectors.

24 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 22, further comprising: a stabilizing member for inhibiting undesired movement of said fork portion.

25 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 17, further comprising: said fork portion having first and second outboard ends; pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member in close proximity to the first and second outboard ends of said fork portion; and a said stabilizing member for inhibiting undesired movement of said fork portion being pivotally connected in close proximity to said pivotal connecting apparatus.

26 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 17, further comprising: mounting apparatus pivotally connecting said fork portion and said gripping portion to one another, said mounting apparatus including a connecting member for connecting said fork portion and said gripping portion to one another by a predetermined distance sufficient to overcome friction forces created in the mounting apparatus when drawing the elastic member to a shooting position.

27 (original). A slingshot body for use with an elastic member in slinging a projectile, comprising: a fork portion to which the elastic member is to be attached; a gripping portion to be grasped by a user of the slingshot body; and a wrist brace for providing stability pivotally connected to said gripping portion, said wrist brace being connected to said gripping portion and having first, second, third and fourth portions, the first portion extending generally transversely away from said gripping portion when in a shooting position and the second, third and fourth portions partially circumscribing an open area with a size sufficient to receive a portion of a forearm of a user of the slingshot body.

28 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 27, further comprising: a pad member for inhibiting injury to the user connected to said wrist brace.

29 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 27, further comprising: said wrist brace being pivotally connected to said gripping portion and movable between a storage position and the shooting position.

30 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 27, further comprising: said wrist brace being constructed from a relatively inflexible material to form a generally C-shaped configuration, and the first portion of said wrist brace extending away from said gripping portion when in the shooting position and the second portion of said wrist brace extending substantially transversely to the first portion, the third portion of said wrist brace extending substantially transversely to the second portion and extending substantially parallel to the first portion and the fourth portion of said wrist brace extending for a fourth distance substantially transverse to the third portion and extending substantially parallel to the second portion, the fourth portion having a length sufficient to extend over the forearm of the user.

31 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 30, further comprising: a pad member for inhibiting injury to the user connected to the fourth portion of said support rod.

32 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 27, further comprising: a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight in close proximity to said a pivotal connecting apparatus.

33 (currently amended). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 27, further comprising: said a pivotal connecting apparatus including first and second pivotal connectors disposed on said fork portion.

34 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 33, further comprising: a sight mounting bracket for attaching a sight in close proximity to each of the first and second pivotal connectors.

35 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 33, further comprising: a stabilizing member for inhibiting undesired movement of said fork portion.

36 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 27, further comprising: said fork portion having first and second outboard ends; pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member in close proximity to the first and second outboard ends of said fork portion; and a stabilizing member for inhibiting undesired movement of said fork portion pivotally connected in close proximity to said pivotal connecting apparatus.

37 (original). The slingshot body set forth in Claim 27, further comprising: mounting apparatus pivotally connecting said fork portion and said gripping portion to one another, said mounting apparatus including a connecting member for connecting said fork portion and said gripping portion to one another by a predetermined distance sufficient to overcome friction forces created in the mounting apparatus when drawing the elastic member to a shooting position; and pivotal connecting apparatus for pivotally connecting the elastic member to said fork portion, said pivotal connecting apparatus including an elongated connecting member pivotally connected in close proximity to an outboard end of said fork portion, the elongated connecting member having a length sufficient to overcome friction forces created when drawing the elastic member to a shooting position.